

OASDI

Number of beneficiaries, April 2000 44.7 million

Retired workers, spouses, and children	31.1 million
Retired workers	27.9 million
Survivors of deceased workers	7.0 million
Disabled workers, spouses, and children	6.6 million
Disabled workers	4.9 million
Aged 65 or older	32.1 million

Average monthly benefit, April 2000

	Benefits	Awards
Retired workers	\$806	\$841
Disabled workers	755	797
Nondisabled widow(er)s	777	689
Children of deceased workers	530	546

Maximum taxable earnings, 1999

Social Security	\$72,600
Medicare	No limit ¹

Earnings required for work credits (quarters of coverage), 1999

One work credit	\$740
Maximum of four work credits per year	\$2,960

Earnings test exempt amounts, 1999

Under age 65	\$9,600 (\$800 monthly)
Aged 65-69	\$15,504 (\$1,292 monthly)

¹The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 repealed the dollar limit on wages and self-employment income subject to the Medicare Hospital Insurance tax, effective January 1, 1994.

SSI

Number of persons receiving SSI and payment amounts

Category	Federally administered payments (March 1999)		Recipients of State-administered payments (Dec.1999)
	Number	Average payment ¹	
All recipients	6.6 million	\$378	675 thousand
Aged	1.3 million	297	139 thousand
Blind	80 thousand	412	5 thousand
Disabled	5.2 million	398	323 thousand
Age			
Under age 18	853 thousand	467	...
18-64	3.7 million	401	...
65 or older	2.0 million	300	...

Federal payment, 2000

(for persons in their own household, no other countable income)

Individual	\$512
Couple (both eligible)	769

¹Excludes retroactive payments.